

D.T.E. 04-116
Technical Session re Market Access Services
September 9, 2005

Proposed Questions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 103

All questions are directed to NSTAR Electric.

1. Please refer to the Reply Comments of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company, and NSTAR Gas Company ("NSTAR Reply Comments"), p. 39, and to the discussion in the final paragraph of that page regarding the training received by the employees of outside electrical contractors.

For each of the contractors on NSTAR's pre-approved contractors list, please describe:

- a. the name of the training program and the entity that conducts the training program;
 - b. the training curriculum, including number of hours of classroom instruction, number of hours of on-the-job training, and number of hours of required continuing education;
 - c. the name of the governmental body that certifies the training program and curriculum;
 - d. the name of the governmental body that examines the individual electricians that have completed the training program to ensure that they have acquired the requisite knowledge and skills; and
 - e. the documentation that NSTAR requires the contractor to provide to demonstrate that each individual electrician that is or will be working on the NSTAR Electric underground distribution system has completed the training program and passed the exam.
2. Please refer to the NSTAR Reply Comments, p. 38, and to the following statement: "NSTAR Electric has developed a comprehensive set of construction and maintenance work standards based on NESC requirements. Any contractors working on the NSTAR Electric underground distribution system are required to adhere to the Company's work standards."

For each of the contractors on NSTAR's pre-approved bidders list, please describe:

- a. the training that the contractor's employees receive regarding NSTAR's work standards;

- b. the documentation that NSTAR requires the contractor to provide to demonstrate that each individual electrician that is or will be working on the NSTAR Electric underground distribution system has completed the training and understands the work standards.
- 3. Please refer to the NSTAR Reply Comments, p. 38, and to the statement that: "NSTAR Electric's purchasing Department maintains a list of pre-approved, qualified contractors who are permitted to participate in the procurement process for various types of work." Please provide:
 - a. the names of the companies on the list;
 - b. the number and dollar value of jobs each company has been given in each of the previous 3 years;
 - c. for each of the previous 3 years, a list of the jobs that were awarded without competitive bids, including the dollar value of each job and the name of the contractor that was awarded the job.
- 4. Please refer to the NSTAR Reply Comments, p. 39, and to the statement that: "At times, NSTAR Electric will request the contractor to demonstrate certain skills, such as cable splicing." Please provide the following information:
 - a. the names of the NSTAR employees that requested contractors to demonstrate cable splicing;
 - b. the number of individual employees of contractors who were required to demonstrate cable splicing;
 - c. the tests that NSTAR conducted on the cable splices to determine whether they were performed properly;
 - d. the records of those test results.
- 5. Please refer to the NSTAR Reply Comments, p. 39, and to the statement that: "NSTAR Electric reviews the overall performance of the pre-approved contractors on an annual basis."

Please describe that annual review, including a description of the tests or other approaches that NSTAR uses to determine the quality of the work performed.